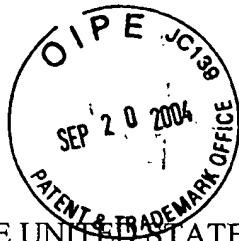


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

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These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of a Communication of a Notice of Opposition and a list of cited references are enclosed. The Notice is dated August 23, 2004.

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